Committee Room, City Hall,
March 23rd, 1920.

EIGHTH MEETING.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 23rd, 1920, at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Moorhead (Acting Chairman) Seabrook, Drake, Wheatcroft and Ashton, and His Worship Mayor Little.

143. MINUTES.

The minutes of the seventh meeting are confirmed and signed by the Acting Chairman.

144. NELSON STREET SIDEWALK.

A number of ratepayers interested in the Nelson Street, from Wellington Street to Clarence Street sidewalk addressed the Committee, and urged that the work be immediately proceeded with. The opposition to the construction was from one man only, and the work was an absolute necessity.

Alderman Drake, moves, and it is adopted, that the side-walk petitioned for be granted, and the matter referred to the Engineer with power, and authority to interview the City Solicitor onthe location of the walk matter.

145. QUEBEC STREET ROADWAY.

Alderman Moorhead again called attention to the condition of Quebec Street Roadway.

Alderman Wheatcroft moved, and it is adopted, that the Engineer be authorized to do the necessary work to Quebec Street and place same in a passable condition.

146. ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER.

H.S.Nicklin making application for appointment as an Assistant City Engineer.

Filed.

147. SEWER PLAN APPROVAL.

Dr. J.W.S.McCullough submitting certificate of approval for certain sewer extensions in the City of London:-

Street	From	To.
Sackville St.	Hamilton Rd.	Grafton St.
Colborne St.	Cheapside St.	Victoria St.
Egerton St.	Beatrice St.	A Pt. 498' nth.
Egerton St.	Cameron St.	Hamilton Rd.
Ormsby St.	Sackville St.	Egerton St.
Hill St.	Hyatt Ave.	Rectory St.

Filed.

148. BRISCOE STREET (see par 125)?

S.Baker certifying that the Council had adopted the motion:- "That Briscoe Street, from Ridout to Wortley Road be included in this year's paving programme, and the work propeeded with this year."

Filed.

149. BY-LAW 924 AMENDMENT - UNION WAGES.

S.Baker submitting copy of proposed by-law to amend by-law No. 924 to provide for payment by civic contractors to their workmen of the prevailing Union rate of wages requiring that contractors shall keep a separate wage account of all work done by contract for the Council, and supply the City Engineer with a certified copy thereof, and this statement s be open to inspection at all reasonable times by the President of the Trades and Labor Council, or any properly qualified person.

Alderman Wheatcroft moves, and it is adopted, that the by-law be approved.

150. BELL POLE PLACING.

C.H.Beard, Manager Bell Telephone Co. -

We desire, in order to meet the demands of our customers for telephone service, to open portions of the following streets in London, to place thereon our telephone poles and wires.

1 - 35' and 1 - 30' poles on the West side of O'Brien Street, North from Riverview Avenue.

We will be very much obliged if you will grant permission, and instruct your Engineer, or such other officer as you may appoint, to supervise the erection of the necessary poles.

Alderman Seabrook moves, and it is adopted, that the prayer of the petition be granted, subject to the supervision of the City Engineer, and the Public Utilities Commission, and without prejudice to any City claim.

151. GARBAGE REGULATIONS. (see pars. 40,60,95 and 133).

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be laid over until after the Spring cleaning.

152. WESTERN FAIR LANE CLOSING.

A.M.Hunt - Our Board hereby makes application to the City Cou through Number One Committee, for the closing of the lane from York s to Campbell Street immediately in the rear of our present Cattle Ba...

Our Board wishes to purchase the full block lying between the barns and another lane 300 feet west of this from York Street to Camp... bell Street. The closing of the lane we are asking for would not in... convenience any person as there are no dwellings on the opposite side of Campbell Street.

R.W.Thorne et al -

Having noticed an item in the Free Press of March 11th, 192... that the Western Fair Board contemplate acquiring the property on the South side of York Street from present Fair property to lane running in rear of houses situated on the East side of Rectory Street, to be used as an extension of the Fair Grounds.

I hereby enter an objection to such proposal and would ask you to advise the City Council of same, on account of the injury to my business and property situated on the North side of York Street opposite the proposed extension, and that the other property holders will also petition the Council not to grant the request of the Fair Board to close the East survey lane from Campbell Street to York Street nor permit them to erect buildings which will be an injury to surrounding properties.

S.Baker -

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, referred back the following motion to No.2 Committee, viz:-

"That a by-law be introduced closing the lane immediately west of the Fair Grounds, between Campbell Street and York Street, and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare same."

Mr. Thorne and other ratepayers interested address the Committee, opposing the closing of the lane, claiming that it would be an injury to their property.

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that Alderman Moorhead, the City Clerk and City Engineer be instructed to interview the City Solicitor on the matter, and report back.

153. WILTON AVENUE CLOSING (see pars.10,35,77 and 130).

G.T.R. -

Referring to the correspondence that you have had with Superintendent Forrester relating to the closing of a portion of Wilton Avenue easterly of this Company's property, and to the proposal made that this Company deed to the City the necessary land for the extension of Childer Street to form a junction with Wilton Avenue, and also a portion of the Company's land for the opening of Eleanor Street, I had a disucssion with Mr. Brazier, your City Engineer, last week, and in accordance with out discussion I am writing you this letter. Of course there is no objection on the part of this Company to deed to the City any lands that may be required in connection with the extension of these streets, but we would like a re-consideration of the proposal to open up Eleanor Street, which, if opened up, will institute a level crossing over the St. Mary's Branch, and the traffic on which, in the future, is likely to be considerably increased. All level crossings of the Company's tracks which carry through traffic form a possible source of accident, some times very distressing accidents, and as you know the agitation of late years has been to eliminate all level crossings, and I think the City of London itself is a good example of the trouble and inconvenience both to the public and the Railway Company of having level crossings, and it will be but a few years before it will be necessary to spend millions of dollars to eliminate these crossings. As you know the Government have, of late years, been trying to remedy the matter and they have been coordering the construction of subways and bridges and have been contributing towards the cost thereof. Now in the face of all this it does seem to be imprudent to establish more level crossings. The District in the east part of London is as you know rapidly developing and the very works that we are now contemplating will constitute considerable increase in traffic over these level crossings, and while I know it may be of some advantage to the adjoining property owners to have this particular crossing opened, still I think on the above facts the Company should not be requested to open up the crossing. A further point is, in connection with crossings that have been opened under authority of the Board of Railway Commissioners, the adjoining property owners have been obliged to undertake the responsibility of paying for any protection that may be required in the way of signalmen, and also to grant a release of any future damages that might be occasioned to their property by the construction of sub-ways or over-head bridges. Will you kindly place this letter before the Committee dealing with the matter and let me have your early reply.

Engineer Brazier stated that he opposed a level crossing.

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that the Grand Trunk Railway be advised that the City concurred in their recommendation that there be no rail-way crossing opened at Eleanor Street at present, but that the Grand Trunk should deed the land to the City for the purpose of street opening, so that if in the future it were deemed expedient to have a railway crossing at this point, the matter would be settled.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

154. H.A.Brazier recommending the construction of Private Drain Connections on (a) Queen's Avenue, from Elizabeth Street to English Street, at a cost of $142.30 and

(b) King Street, from Adelaide Street to Rectory Street.

Alderman Ashton moves, and it is adopted, that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted.

DUMP WAGON PURCHASE.

155. H.A.Brazier -

I beg to ask that you will authorize the purchase of four 2 cubic yard (stroke measure) asphalt dump wagons from the Dominion Rd. Machinery Co., Goderich, similar to those supplied last year for $275.00 each delivered f.o.b. London, Ontario,

Upon motion the recommendation of the Engineer is adopted.

TRENCH TAMPER PURCHASE.

156. H.A.Brazier -

I beg to recommend that one "P. & H." power traction trench tamper be purchased from Messrs. A.R.Williams Machinery Co. Ltd., Toronto, at $825.00, f.o.b. New York,

Upon motion the recommendation of the Engineer is adopted.

GRADER PURCHASE.

157. H.A.Brazier -

I beg to ask that you will authorize the purchase of two road graders from Messrs. Sawyer Massey Limited, Hamilton, for $375.00 each, f.o.b. Hamilton and one "Little Winner" road grader from the Dominion Road Machinery Co., Goderich at $165.00 f.o.b. Goderich.

Upon motion the recommendation of the Engineer is adopted.

GRAVEL TENDERS.

158. H.A.Brazier -

I beg to ask that you will authorize me to call for tenders for the supply of a gravel loading and screening outfit as provided for in the estimates.

Upon motion the recommendation of the Engineer is adopted.

ACCOUNTS.

159. The following accounts being examined and found correct, are upon motion, passed for payment, viz:-

Paysheet week ending Mar.16th	$ 1232.70	W.E.Stephens. Salary	$ 70.00
Paysheet week ending Mar.16th.	1214.33	Paysheet March 16th.	1181.03
G.W.Harrison. Hay.	25.80	J.McNamara. Salary.	40.00
Paysheet week ending Mar.16th.	207.42	Paysheet week Marbh16th	40.20
W.Liley. Gravel.	6.00	Public Utilities Com.	1.65
H.A.Brazier. Expenses to Chatham.	5.50	Francis Hankin & Co.	120.00
Public Utilities Commission. Servic	10.97	Bristol Essery. Wood.	44.00
Sherlock Manning Piano Co.	35.00	Canadian General. Co.	5.83
Cairncross & Lawrence. Supplies.	11.00	Bristol Essery. Wood.	44.00
G.A.McLachlan. Muriatic Acid.	.20	Public Utilities Comm.	39.37
McLaughlin Carriage Co. Repairs.	12.70	James McCormick.	35.00
H.Thorn. Horse Brushes.	18.00	C.F.Cole Co. Ltd.	15.57
R.M.Briscoe Co. Ltd.	.60	Reliance Machine Wks.	2.75
W.J.Goodland. Gravel.	2.00	C.P.R.Telegraph.	.30
Thompson Battery & Welding Co.	3.50	Goodyear Tire & Rubber.	50.98
L.F.Roberten. Salary.	37.50	R.W.Garrett. Salary.	70.00
C.E.Howard. Salary	52.65	W.A.Kilpatrick. Salary.	48.75
W.R.Hunter. Salary.	75.00	W.C.Dodd. Salary.	75.00
E.K.Bragg. Salary.	50.00	Paysheet.	33.36
W.McCracken. Tile Sewer.	980.93	Paysheet March 9th.	171.24
Dominion Express Co. Charges.	.40	Paysheet March 9th.	976.49
Paysheet March 9th.	1185.26	Paysheet March 9th.	894.64
Canadian Express Co. Charges.	.35	Wm. Skelly.	426.99
T,J.Greenaway. Repairs.	9.00	Legg & Gartshore.	.75
J.H.Howard. Two Yale Rugs.	.70	J.G.Steele & Co.	1.50
T.R.Howard. Lock to Treasurer's Office.	6.55	Karn Shoe CO.	5.85
		Total -	$18,442.47

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.